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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Christopher L. Davis, 26, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 102 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing a firearm and ammunition as a convicted felon. Davis pleaded guilty to this charge on July 18, 2008.

On March 20, 2008, officers with the Madison Police Department stopped a van Davis was driving, for a traffic violation. Police discovered one of Davis's passengers had an outstanding arrest warrant and they told Davis they were going to search the van. Davis then fled and led police on a short chase. Davis subsequently abandoned the van, ran, and threw a loaded firearm in the backyard of an apartment complex.

Davis's sentence reflects the fact that he has previously been convicted of four felony offenses and he was on probation for three of those offenses when he possessed the firearm on March 20.

The charge against Davis was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department - West Community Policing Team. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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